

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hikmat Hojeibane
 Serial No. :
 Filed :
 Title : BIFURCATED AXIALLY FLEXIBLE STENT
 Art Unit :
 Examiner :

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 9 after "a" please insert -- continuation of Serial No. 09/256,914, filed February 24, 1999, which is a --.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

Q2 7. (Amended) A stent comprising a first cylindrical form and a second cylindrical form connected thereto;
 said second cylindrical form placed alongside a wall portion of the first cylindrical form and forming a connector thereat so that the stent forms a "Y"-shaped opening through the interior portion of the stent without overlap; and
 said stent having a welded connection at the connection between said first and second cylindrical forms.

Q3 8. 10. (Amended) A stent comprising a first cylindrical form and a second cylindrical form connected thereto;
 said second cylindrical form placed alongside a wall portion of the first cylindrical form so that the stent forms a "Y"-shaped opening through the interior portion of the stent without

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